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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, applicant submits the following Disclosure Statement concerning art of which the applicant is aware. A copy of PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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